## About

Mixed Faces Wild Spaces offers ecological guidance and land-based stewardship as part of our broader mission to empower community members of intersectional lived experiences to reclaim belonging and connection with themselves, each other, and all of nature—through inclusive and trauma-informed outdoor experiences that provide tools, education, and community.

We root our work in care, reciprocity, and relationship with place. When collaborating with us, it's more than a service — we're creating tangible change in land and community, and we invite you to be part of that.

## Our Approach

Our ecological practice is grounded in ancestral knowledge, collective care, and regenerative traditions. We draw from land-based ways cultivated by Indigenous communities for generations — grounded in reciprocity, observation, and deep relationships with land and more-than-human kin.

These traditions have been carried forward and reimagined by Black, Indigenous, and queer land stewards across Turtle Island, often in the face of displacement and systemic harm. We honor these lineages and reject the idea that ecological principles now celebrated in mainstream spaces are new—they are part of a much older remembering.

We do not claim to originate this wisdom but participate in a living tradition — part of a collective movement toward decolonization, healing, and repair.

We also move away from rigid thinking about what is "native" or "invasive." While we honor place-based species, we recognize ecosystems are fluid, and many beings labeled invasive respond to disruptions caused by colonization and ecological harm.

In practice, this means we:

- Design with respect for the land's story and ecological rhythms
- Restore soil health through regenerative, non-extractive methods
- Support systems that uplift food sovereignty, biodiversity, and climate resilience

For us, ecological care isn't about rigid categories — it's about relationship, reciprocity, and long-term resilience for people, planet, and more-than-human kin.

## Teachers, Mentors, and Beloved Community

We name and uplift our teachers, mentors, and elders — those who have passed down knowledge through formal teaching and lived experience. We are intentional about citation, relationship, and keeping wisdom grounded, reciprocally nourishing, and non-extractive.

When you work with us, you're entering a community network. We are deeply connected with local and regional land stewards, regenerative farmers, ecologists, herbalists, healers, outdoorists, educators, and many others with intersectional lived experiences. We exchange seeds, stories, labor, learning, and love — all in service of collective liberation for people and planet.

We understand land stewardship not just as technical work but as sacred, relational, and necessary — **because healing land is inseparable from healing ourselves and our communities.**

## Services Offered

**Full Service: Ecological Design & Planning**

Custom site-specific designs rooted in the land's story and your vision. Includes native plantings, edible systems, permaculture features, and water-wise design — all guided by seasonal rhythms, soil health, and long-term resilience. This is our main offering and will include the individual offerings below.

**Individual Service: Native Plant Sourcing & Placement**

We source regionally adapted plants through community partnerships whenever possible, prioritizing reciprocal, non-extractive relationships with land. Every plant is placed with care to support ecological balance.

**Individual Service: Soil Preparation & Regeneration**

We restore soil health using regenerative practices — like composting, mulching, and natural amendments — to build life below ground and resilience above it.

**Individual Service: Ecosystem Stewardship**

For wilder or multi-acre lands — we walk with your place over time, supporting forest edges, meadows, trails, and ecological transitions through light-touch, relationship-based care.

**Individual Service: Misaligned Plant Management**

We support land in returning to balance by working with species often labeled "invasive" using respectful, nonviolent practices like hand removal, solarization, and biomass composting.

**Individual Service: Coaching & Consulting**
For individuals, groups, or organizations seeking guidance without full design or install. Offered virtually or in-person, grounded in ecological literacy and relationship.